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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV'S JULY 21 VISIT TO EMBASSY

1. ACADEMICIAN AND MRS. SAKHAROV VISITED EMBASSY  
JULY 21 AT NOON ON CONSULAR BUSINESS TO DELIVER PACKET  
OF LETTERS ADDRESSED TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL. IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE, PACKET IS BEING SENT  
TO DEPARTMENT (EUR/SOV) FOR APPROPRIATE FORWARDING.  
SAKHAROV'S ENTERED AND EXITED EMBASSY WITHOUT APPARENT  
INCIDENT.

2. SAKHAROV'S REPORTED THAT ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S  
MOTHER WAS ABLE TO SEE HER SON FOR 23 MINUTES AT  
LEFORTOVO PRISON ON TUESDAY, JULY 18, AFTER BEING  
DETAINED IN A LOCKED ROOM FOR TWO HOURS. (REFUSENIK  
SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT, ALTHOUGH AUTHORITIES FORBADE  
DISCUSSION OF CASE, AND MADE SHCHARANSKIY AND HIS  
MOTHER SIT ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF TABLE, THEY WERE  
ABLE TO TOUCH AND EMBRACE ACROSS TABLE. IN MANY  
PRISONS, THEY SAY, SUCH MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED  
THROUGH WINDOWS AND VIA TELEPHONE HOOK-UPS).  
SHCHARANSKIY WAS APPARENTLY COMPLETELY IN THE DARK  
AS TO THE WORLD OUTCRY SURROUNDING HIS CASE. "HAVE  
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YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ANDREI DMITRIEVICH (SAKHAROV)  
ABOUT ME?" HE ASKED HIS MOTHER. THE NEXT DAY,  
BEFORE HIS FATHER AND BROTHER COULD ALSO VISIT HIM,  
FAMILY WAS TOLD SHCHARANSKIY HAD ALREADY BEEN MOVED  
TO VLADIMIR PRISON, WHERE APPARENTLY HE WILL SPEND  
NEXT THREE YEARS. THIS PRESENTS A SERIOUS PROBLEM  
FOR VISITS FROM FATHER, WHO EVIDENTLY RECENTLY

SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK. (REFUSENIKS WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE JULY 20 AT SLEPAK APPEAL HEARING CHARACTERIZED VLADIMIR AS ONE OF WORST PRISONS, BUT SAID THAT FAMILY WAS NOT SURE THAT ANATOLIY HAD IN FACT BEEN TRANSFERRED THERE. SAKHAROV SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS A TERRIBLE THING THAT SUCH A FINE YOUNG MAN IS NOW IN PRISON, THE JEWISH MOVEMENT IN A WAY IS FORTUNATE THAT THE KGB ARRESTED A PERSON OF SHCHARANSKIY'S CALIBER, WHO WAS ABLE TO ENDURE 16 MONTHS OF ISOLATION AND REPEATED THREATS OF THE DEATH SENTENCE, YET STILL STAND UP AT THE END OF HIS TRIAL AND GIVE SUCH A FINE CONCLUDING STATEMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO SAKHAROV, HELSINKI WATCH GROUP ASSOCIATE PODRABINEK HAS SAME LAWYER AS ORLOV. SAKHAROV SPECULATED THAT PODRABINEK'S TRIAL MAY COME EARLY NEXT WEEK, BUT WERE NOT CLEAR ABOUT WHAT LED THEM TO THINK THIS. SAKHAROV HAD NO IDEA WHEN MRS. SLEPAK'S TRIAL MIGHT BE. ON THIS SAME SUBJECT, EMBOFF HEARD JULY 20 FROM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN THAT MRS. SLEPAK'S NEIGHBORS HAD SIGNED A PETITION TO HAVE HER EVICTED FROM HER APARTMENT.

4. ON IDA NUDEL, SAKHAROV HEARD JULY 20 THAT SHE HAS ARRIVED IN TOMSK AND WILL SERVE OUT HER EXILE  
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IN THE AREA. (REFUSENIK SOURCES JULY 20 HAD SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION --THAT IDA HAD ARRIVED AT ONE OF WAY STATIONS ON JOURNEY, BUT WAS NOT YET IN PLACE OF EXILE).

5. SAKHAROV SAID HE SENT A TELEGRAM JULY 20 TO BREZHNEV CONCERNING FILATOV DEATH SENTENCE. SAKHAROV WROTE BREZHNEV THAT HE BELIEVED THE DEATH SENTENCE WAS INAPPROPRIATE UNDER CONDITIONS OF PEACE, AND THAT HE HOPED THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET, OF WHICH BREZHNEV IS CHAIRMAN, WOULD USE ITS POWER TO REDUCE SENTENCE. SAKHAROV TOLD EMBOFFS THEY WONDERED IF FILATOV WAS A COMPLETELY FICTITIOUS PERSONALITY FABRICATED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

6. SAKHAROV SPECULATED WHETHER CURRENT WAVE OF TRIALS MIGHT BE A CYNICAL PLOY BY SOVIET OPPONENTS OF SALT, WHO MIGHT HAVE HOPED THAT TRIALS WOULD LEAD USG TO SUSPEND TALKS. SOVIET SIDE COULD THEN POINT ACCUSING FINGER AT AMERICANS FOR BREAKING OFF TALKS, AS WELL AS CONTINUE TO CHARGE WEST WITH INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL

AFFAIRS. THE ACADEMICIAN BELIEVES THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH HARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS ON DISARMAMENT.

7. SAKHAROV CONSIDRED THE REPRIMAND HE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDUM OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES FOR HIS FLARE UP OUTSIDE THE ORLOV

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDING EXDIS)

COURTHOUSE TO BE ENTIRELY A CASE OF THE ACADEMY LEADERSHIP MEEKLY CARRYING OUT ORDERS. SAKHAROV BELIEVES THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE ACADEMY IS NOT PREPARING FURTHER MEASURES AGAINST HIM.

8. SAKHAROV CONFIRMED THAT ALEKSANDER ZINOVIEV, AUTHOR OF "YAWNING HEIGHTS" AND "BRIGHT FUTURE", HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION TO VISIT WEST GERMANY.

9. SAKHAROV ALSO RAISED TOPIC OF WHITNEY-PIPER CASE. SAKHAROV FEEL STRONGLY THAT CORRESPONDENTS SHOULD RETURN TO MOSCOW AND FIGHT CONVICTION. ACADEMICIAN SAKHAROV RECALLED STRONG PREMONITION THAT LED HIM TO REQUEST THREE TIMES OF WHITNEY, TO NO AVAIL, THAT WHITNEY SHOW HIM HIS ARTICLES ON THE CAUCASUS BEFORE PUBLICATION --THE ONLY TIME IN HIS LIFE, ACCORDING TO SAKHAROV, THAT HE HAD EVER MADE SUCH A REQUEST OF A NEWSMAN. MATLOCK

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